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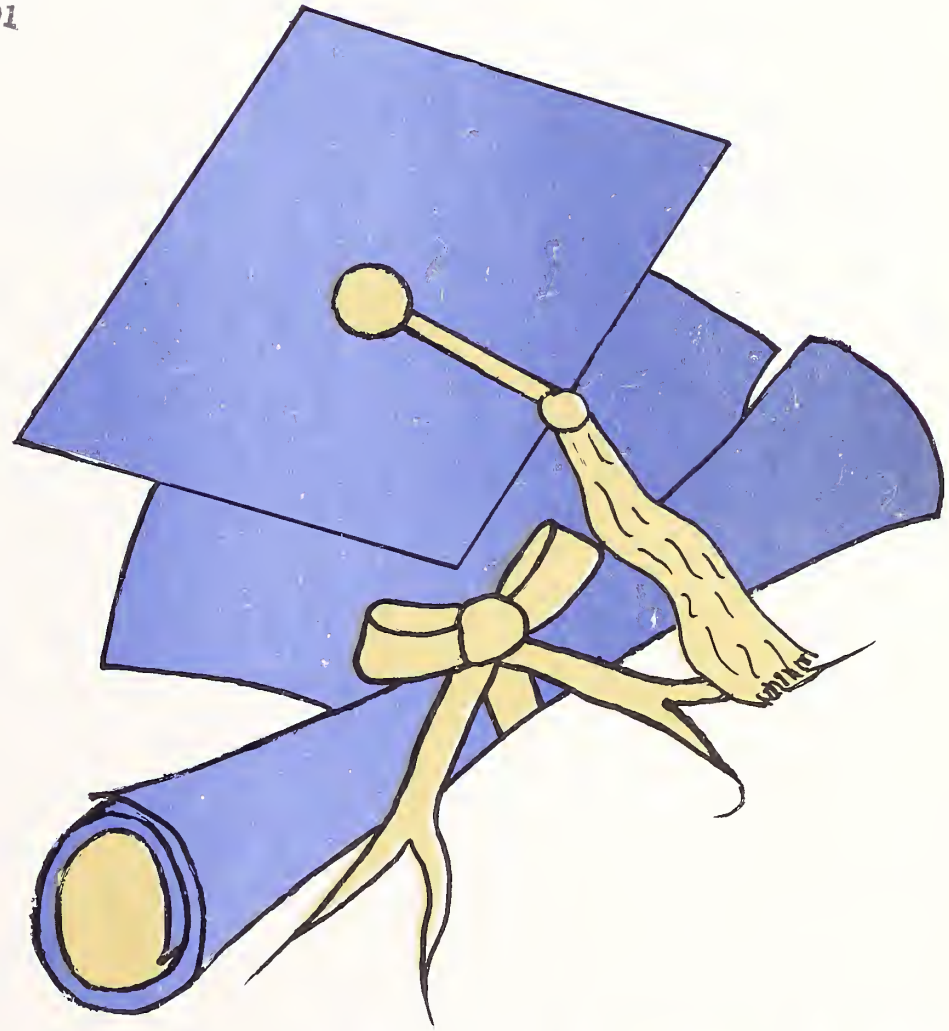

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Graduation Poem

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We are the class of "73"
We want to set an example
for others to follow and see.

We have entered and learned
We shall go forth and serve.

We are a mighty class
Our aims are high
We shall go unto others
In a mighty mass.

No matter what each does
He plans to do it well
We will improve what was
And any thing that shall be

This is all so
because we are a mighty class.

WE ARE THE CLASS OF "73"

By Catherine Morgan, 1973

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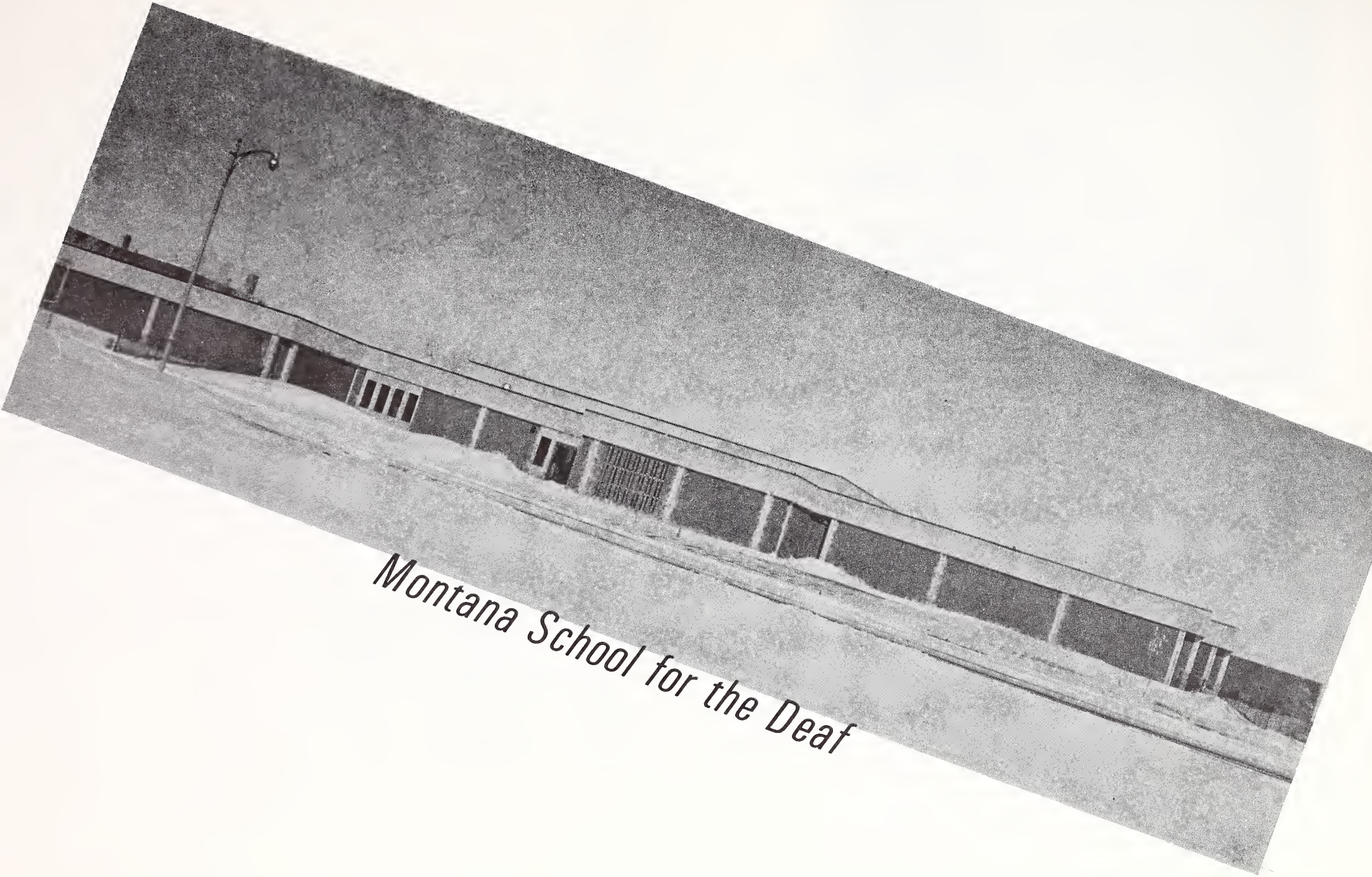


Montana School for the Deaf

THOMAS L. JUDGE
GOVERNOR

State of Montana
Office of The Governor
Helena 59601

Governor Tom Judge

Class of 1973
c/o Charlotte Hansen
President
3911 Central Avenue
Great Falls, Montana 59401

Dear Class of 1973:

It is with a great deal of pride in each and every one of you that I extend my congratulations on your graduation. You have persevered in meeting many challenges to reach this important milestone in your lives.

Your class is an inspiration to me and to all of us in Montana. The education, skills, and insights you have gained will enable you to face life's encounters with the same determination you have already demonstrated so well.

My best wishes and those of all Montanans go with you.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Judge

THOMAS L. JUDGE
Governor

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent Floyd McDowell

Dear Graduates:

I would like to join with all of your teachers and counselors in congratulating you on completion of your schooling at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind.

I have enjoyed knowing each of you throughout the years here at school. We have had many good times together, both in and out of the classroom, and it is a real pleasure for me to look back upon all of these experiences because it makes me happy and prideful at your progress and development.

I wish you success in your future years and I am confident that you will have that success.

Sincerely,

Floyd J. McDowell
Superintendent

Department of the Hearing Impaired and Visually Impaired

Principal Robert Deming

Dear Class of 1973:

My personal congratulations to each of you upon completing your high school graduation requirements.

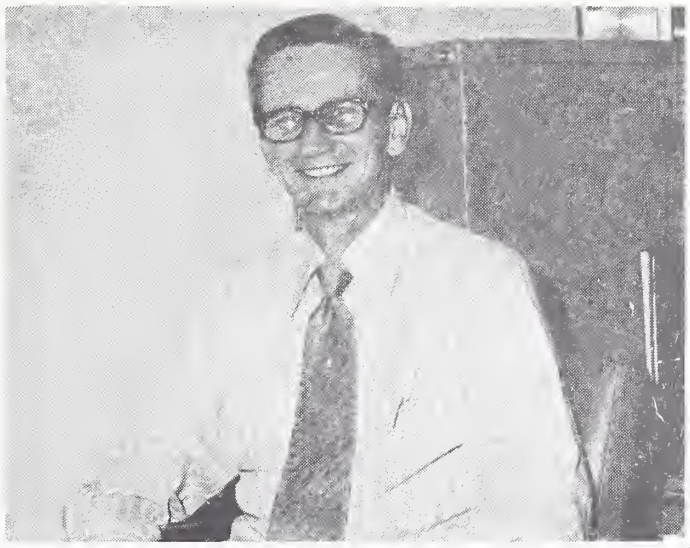
I hope that you have experienced a little love here, a little failure here and I'm hoping that you do not allow the environment in which you are going to live to deprive you of success, but I ask you to give a little love, experience some more failure, but allow yourself to have some experience with success.

Wherever in this country you go for further experience in school, please keep us in mind--keep in contact--let us know of your experiences and your successes.

My warmest personal regards and best wishes to all of you as you graduate in 1973.

Robert J. Deming
Principal

Business Staff



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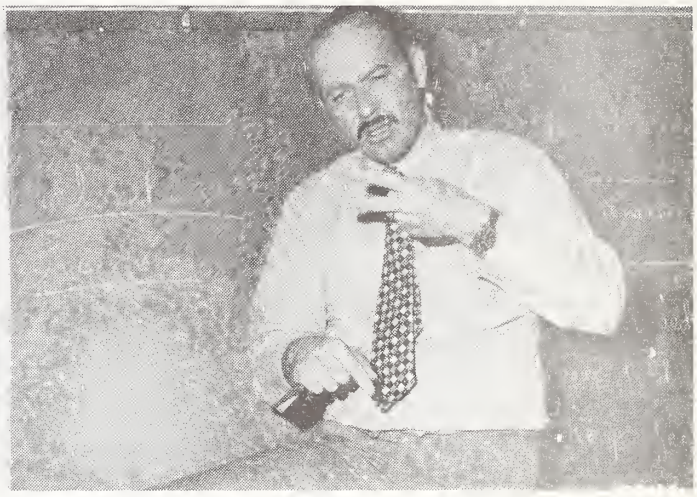

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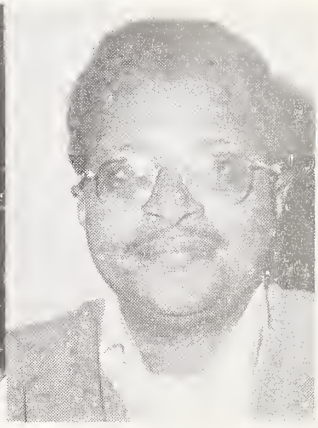

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Non-Rotating Department

FIRST ROW (left to right): Lori Decrevel, Earl Murphy; Second row (left to right): Kim Cory, Lance Guptill, Sandi Franklin; Third row (left to right): Larry Eide, Dara Sue Atlee, Neil Johnson, Curtis Honka; Fourth row (left to right): Donnie Robinette; Fifth row (left to right): Mrs. June Meier, teacher; Mrs. Guilbert, teacher aide; Mrs. Franklin, mother helper.

FRONT ROW (left to right): Miss Sherry Gildersleeve, teacher aide; Russell Graham, Tom Dunning, Terry Fourstar, Joe Jeffery, Ronnie Has Eagle; Back row, Mrs. Laffoon, teacher.

FRONT ROW (left to right): Scott Davis, Sheryle Tucker, Ethel Woods; Second row (left to right): Ellen Thompson, Jeff Meuli, Dennis Vaile, Mike Hart; Back row (left to right): Miss Gretchen Hombach, student teacher; Miss Krajacich, teacher.

SEATED (left to right): Daniel Humphrey, Lance Bassett, Mike Bunjer, Phillip Janes; Back row (left to right(: Shannon Jumper, Mike Hanson, Lee Dubois, Gordon Graham, Lisa Deming, Miss Matthews, teacher.

Non-Rotating Department

FIRST ROW (left to right): Suzette Scott, Shannon Renner, Kimberly Clark, Andy Campros; Second row (left to right): Chris Wendt, Shelley Bouttier, Mary Brakstad, Tammy Jo Birdsall, Mrs. Somppi, teacher.

FRONT ROW (left to right): Carla Howe, Joe Laverdure, Joyce Ringle, Tommy Horner; Back row (left to right): Cheryl Wetzsteon, Barbara Ryan, Marcus Hochstetler, Mrs. Garland, teacher.

FIRST ROW (left to right): Angela Gannon, Topsy Toner, Curtis Garden, Lynn Holm; Second row (left to right): Steven Kappel, Cathy Tucker, John Eide, Mrs. Flo Ellen Hippe, teacher.

BEVERLY LeMIEUX

LORRAINE DEMING

BILLIE SMITH

Department of the Visually Impaired

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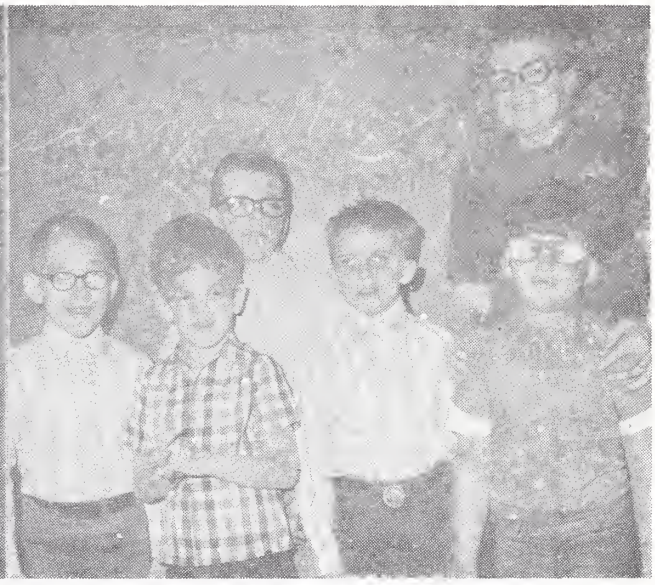


FIRST ROW (left to right): Kimberly Hrubes, Brian Pfleger, Scott Wheat, Mike Bird; Second row (left to right): Matthew Meskimen, Mrs. Vasichek, teacher.

BACKGROUND (left to right): Mrs. Hartman, teacher aide, Mrs. Stafne, teacher; Children (left to right): Sue Brothwell, Lyle Burgett, Cindy Kister, Barbara Bearcrane.

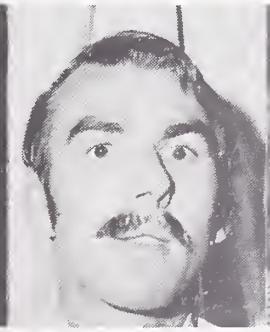
SHARON WEAVER,
Music

TOM DALEY,
Speech Therapy

Itinerant Resource Program for Visually Impaired

RON DARCY,
Supervisor

MARY WOERNER,
Itinerant Teacher



CHUCK WRIGHT,
Itinerant Teacher

FRED BISCHOFF,
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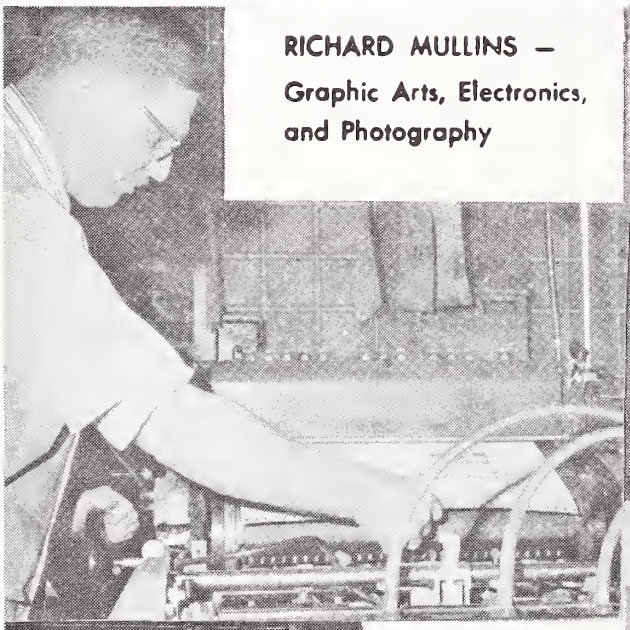
Mobility Director

Vocational Education Department

Gary Ruder, *Supervisor*



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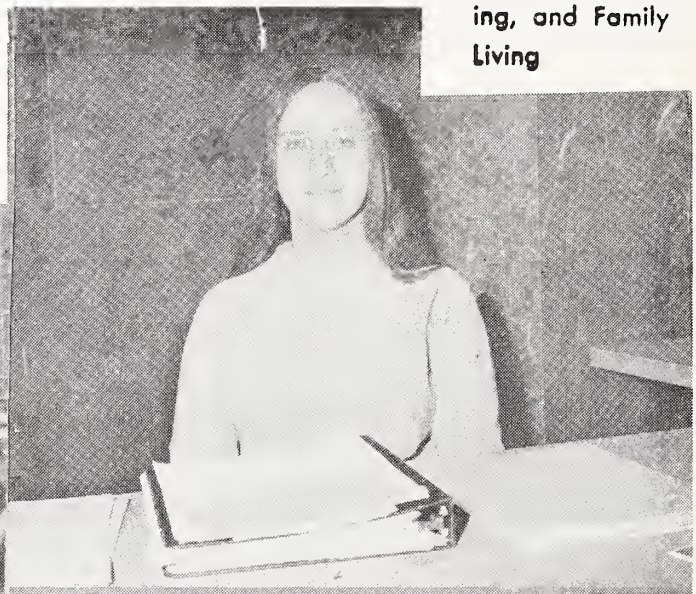

JOYCE DIGNAN — Sewing, typing, and Family Living

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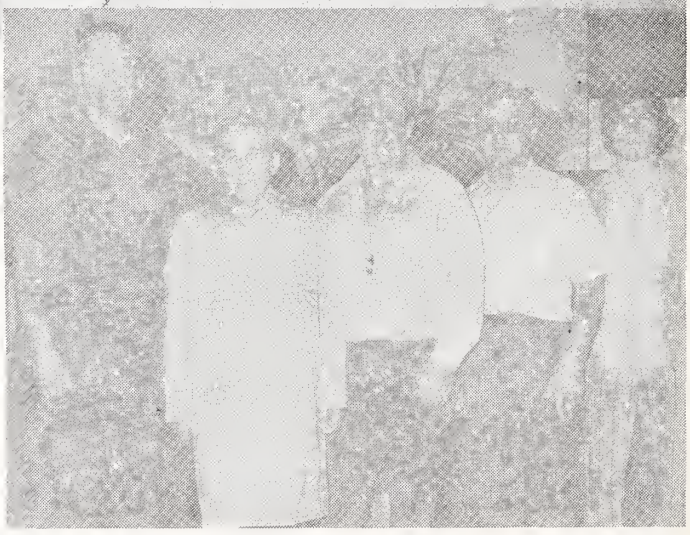

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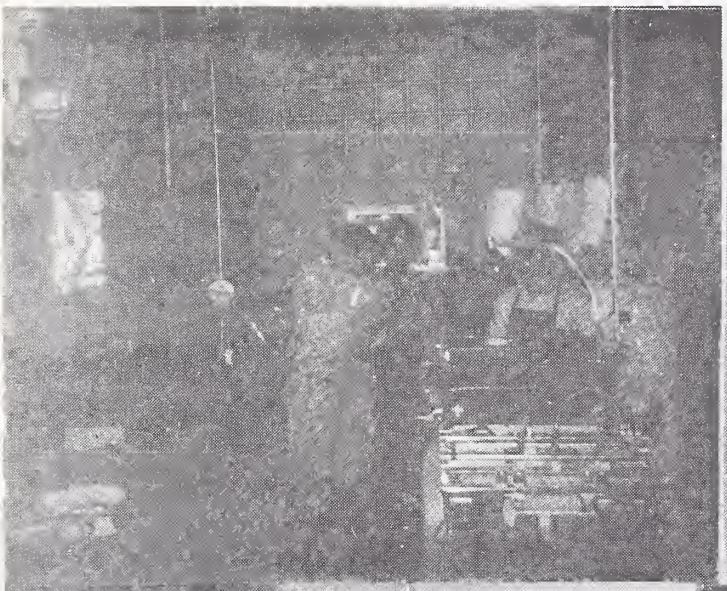
Vocational Activities



Household Staff

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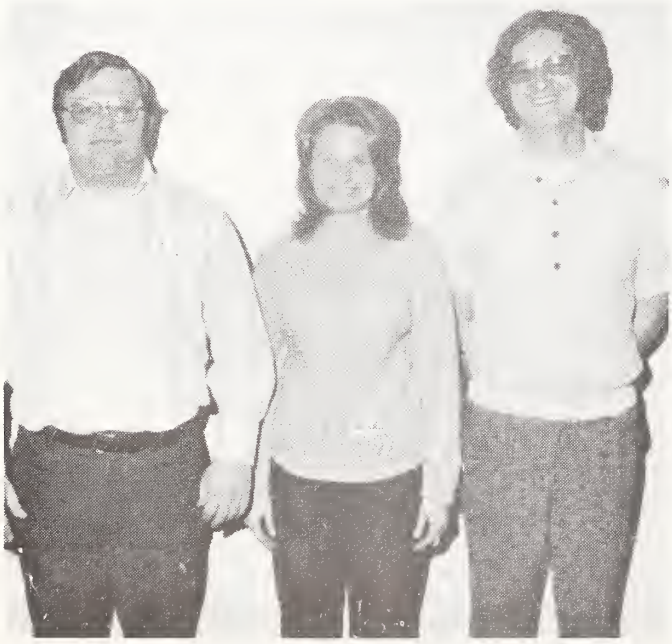
Asst. Director

Jennifer Parker,
Recreation Director

Gordon Chibroski,
Art Director



COUNSELORS

LEFT TO RIGHT — Jim Pedersen, Judy Williams, Mike Theisen

Household Staff

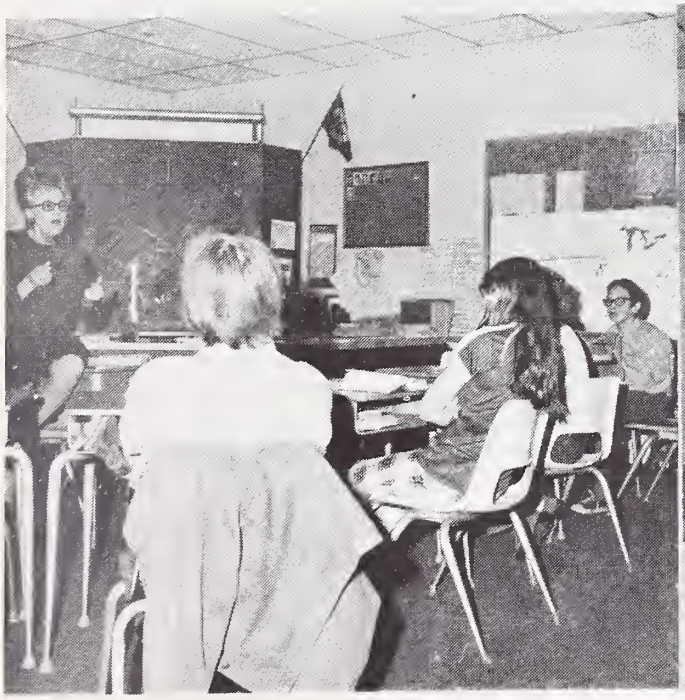
(Left to right): Rita Herbold, Rose Horton and Agnes Letcher.

FRONT ROW (Left to right): Cindy Leach, Sherry Gildersleeve, Colleen Theisen and Helen Hartman; Second row (left to right): Freida Roth, Lois Shanahan; Back row (left to right): Robert Lots, Ernie Bateman and Walter Herbold.

INSERT: Ann Mierzwinski; (Left to right): Shauna Cook, Shirley Davis, Diana Fauth, Leona Music and Veronica Sekora.

At the Old School

At the New School



Rotating Department

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TINA BRADEN

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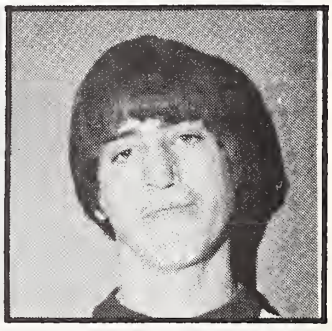
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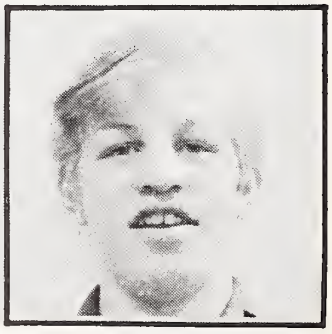
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RITA LUX

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CONNIE McCORKLE

DOUGLAS MENDENHALL

LAURIE MULLINS

BOBBY STILLER

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LAURIE WHITAKER

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Wrestling

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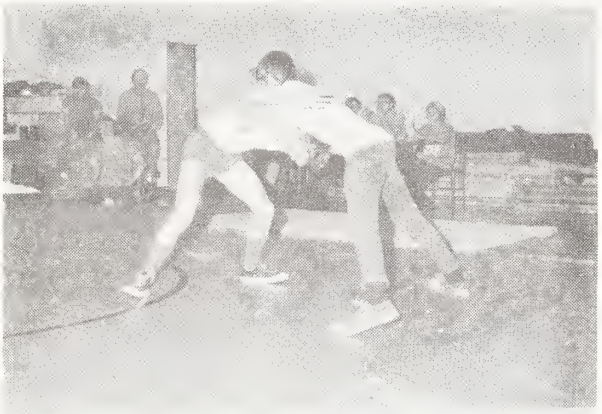
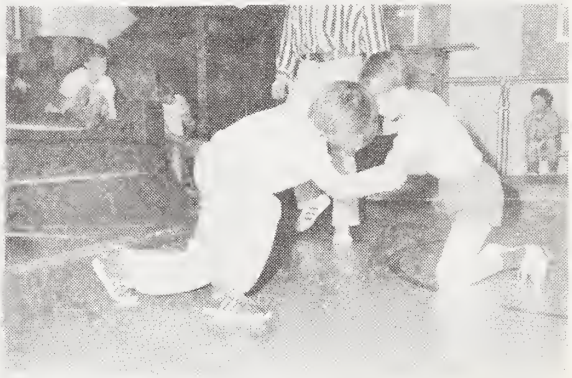
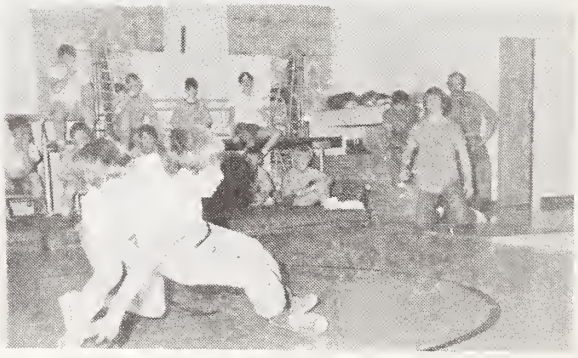


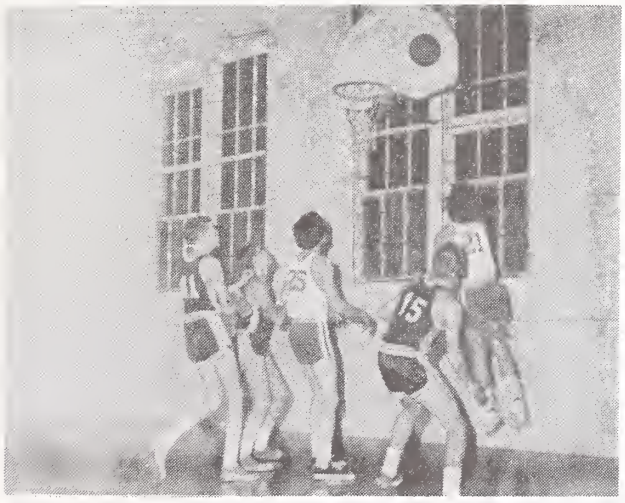


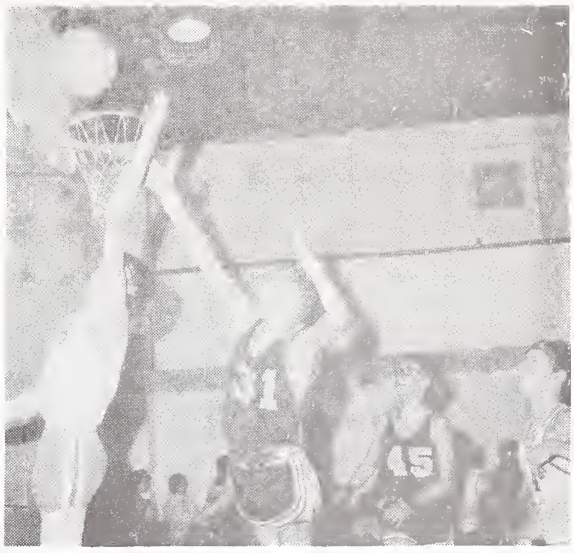


Basketball

"A" BASKETBALL TEAM—First row (left to right): Dick Stokes, Mike Huber, Oscar Kinzel, Flarin Biglake; Second row (left to right): Donald Fink, Howard Hammel, Blake Warner, Joe Manzer; Third row (left to right): Jon Mullins, Mr. Karl Fiske, the head coach.

"B" BASKETBALL TEAM—First row (left to right): Bruce Catron, Steven Hoppe, Terry Ketterling, Joe Laverdure, Marcus Hochstetler, Steven Kappel, John Eide; Second row (left to right): Dennis Catron, Bobby Stiller, Steven Yackley, Tim Sullivan, Mike Allison, Curtis Garden, Mr. Art Dignan, the coach.





Skiing

JR. N.A.D.

JUNIOR N.A.D.—First row (left to right): Charlotte Hansen, president; Howard Hammel, vice president; Jon Mullins, secretary; Laurie Mullins, corresponding secretary; Darcie LeMieux, treasurer; Second row (left to right): Mark Aleksinski, Brenda LeMieux, Cathy Morgan, Gail Pace, Dennis Catron; Third row (left to right): Gregory Lakey, Douglas Catron, Tim Sullivan, Tina Braden, Jim Pedersen, advisor. Not pictured: Robert Steppler.

Driver Education Class

First row (left to right): Rita Lux, Linda Goergen, (inside) Gail Pace. Top of car, Robert Steppler: Standing (left to right): Joe Manzer, Donald Fink, Dick Stokes. Not pictured: Sonny Kinzel, Chris Crews, Connie McCorkle, Cathy Morgan, Roger Forbes.

SENIORS

Class Motto

Enter to learn, go forth to serve

Class Flowers

Royal blue and gold mums

Class Colors

Royal Blue and Gold

Robert LeMieux, Sponsor

Officers

President . . . . . Charlotte Hansen

Vice President . . . . . Mark Aleksinski

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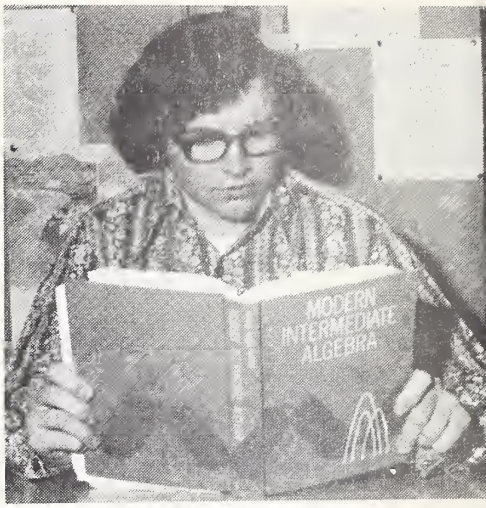
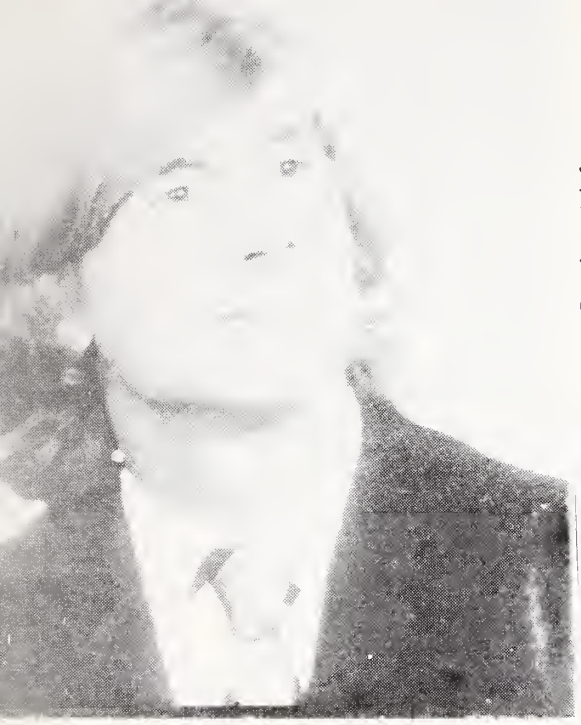
Treasurer . . . . . Douglas Harasymczuk

MARK RICHARD ALEKSINSKI... cool as a snow bank...C.S.U.N. or Gallaudet College.

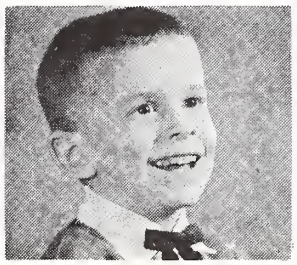


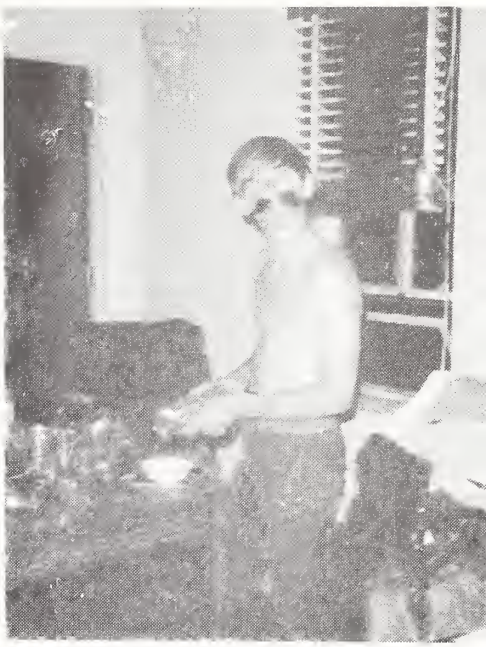
DOUGLAS ABE CATRON ...turned like a weather cock with every wind...Gallaudet College or S.C.C.

CHARLOTTE RUTH HANSEN...free as mountain wind... C.S.U.N. or Gallaudet College.

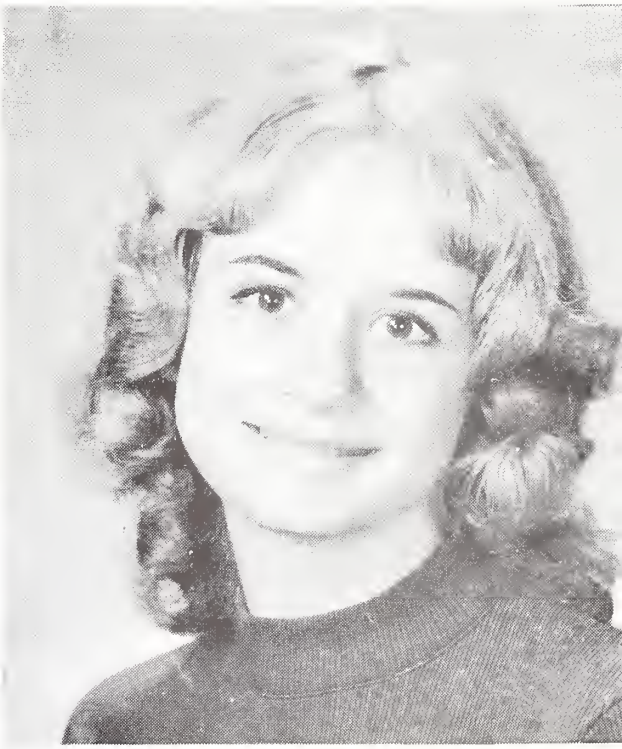


JOHN DOUGLAS HARASYMCZUK...as quiet as a hibernating bear... Gallaudet College or S.C.C.





PAMELA RAE KOVASH...gentle as a falling tear...S.C.C. or Gallaudet College.

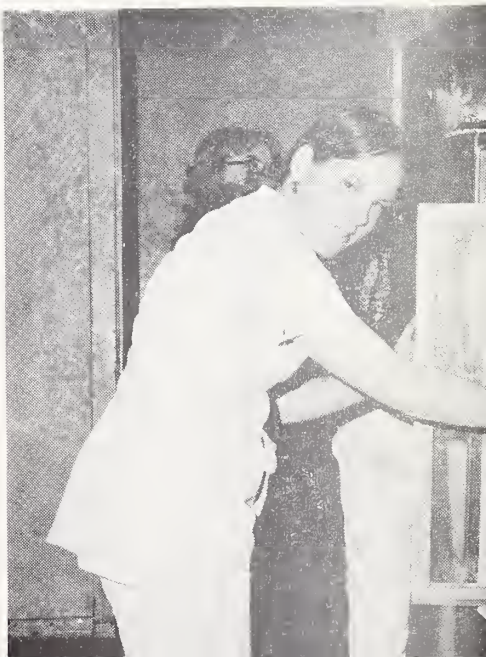


GREGORY MARTIN LAKEY...a man of oak and rock... S.C.C. or Gallaudet College.

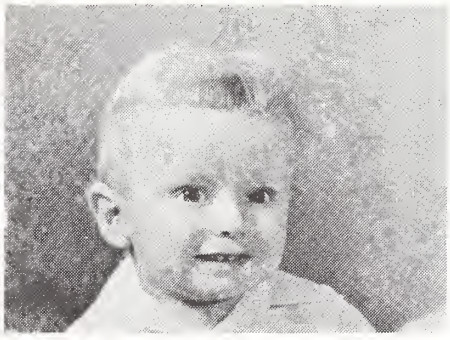
CATHERINE JANICE MORGAN...as silent as an evergreen... C.S.U.N. or Gallaudet College.

JONATHAN PATRICK MULLINS...as elusive as a wet fish...Gallaudet College and Church College of Missouri.

ABBY GAIL PACE... as soft as a southern wind... S.C.C.



ROBERT JOHN STEPPLER...as graceful as fluid water in his actions... T.V.I. or Gallaudet College.



Highlights

Back when I was only a little kid, my father took me fishing for the first time. It was really something when I caught an 8 pounder.

There was also the time I won a blue ribbon for swimming. And there was the time I won the state prize for a poster I had made. Last of all is when I won a D.A.R. award.

Cathy Morgan

I have two memories which I will never forget. One is of a classmate and I who were enemies for several years before we entered high school. During our freshman year, he apologized to me for his attitude towards me. Thereafter we were good friends.

Another unforgettable incident of my school days was when I was 12 years old. I was riding my bike one evening. Two neighborhood kids held a rope up high. I did not see the rope and rode right into it. The rope caught me around the neck and knocked me off my bicycle.

Pam Kovash

Highlights

I had a terrible crush on a certain girl for two years, but she seemed not to be interested in me. That was my first taste of love.

Being henpecked by a classmate angered me so much that I slugged him in the jaw. To my surprise, his jaw was bloody and he was stunned. I was punished by being sent to bed at 6:30 p.m.

Robert Steppler

The event that impressed me so much was that a deaf student riding on his 450cc Honda motorcycled 80 mph in a school zone and luckily he did not get a ticket.

Doug Catron

One memory that I will never forget is the summer of 1972. I had a part in a drama that was presented by Montana State University. We gave the performances for the Yellowstone National Park Centennial. At one place where we performed, there were about 150 people. At the end of the play, we were questioned by the people. Three persons asked our director, "Are they really deaf or just act deaf?"

Charlotte Hansen

My most unforgettable memory is that I had a narrow escape and almost drowned in a creek in 1968.

Another memory is when I drove my 1965 Plymouth from the school to Miles City during Thanksgiving vacation. About 100 miles from my home I noticed that the heater did not work when I turned it on. It became cold fast. I looked back through the mirror. Suddenly I knew there was something wrong with the engine. I stopped and saw the hood was filled with smoke. I opened it. I hitchhiked for 1½ hours to get home. I found out that the water pump fan had smashed into the radiator.

Douglas Harasymczuk

Highlights

During my school years I have had many memories, but 3 are outstanding, 2 bad and one good. I had a bad skiing accident three years ago. During my first year of skiing, I fractured my wrist badly. It was fun though to wear a beautiful cast on my forearm for a month.

I'll never forget this good memory. My classmate and I dated two hearing girls. We went to the Great Falls High School Prom. We had a wonderful time that night.

Last December I had the bad luck to break my new K2 skis which I had had for only two days. I was practicing on a giant slalom, and following a boy who went slowly. I was going fast and tried to reduce my speed but I failed. I skied through some powdered snow, then jumped over a little hill and saw a bunch of trees. I hit a tree and the tip of my ski was broken off.

Mark Aleksinski

One memory impressed on my mind happened in May of 1972. One evening at dusk, I was riding my bicycle without a light on a busy street. As I went down the street fast, I saw a car approaching which turned right in my way. I tried to stop, but too late. My bicycle hit the car and I jumped over the top of the car. When I got up, my shoulder hurt. My glasses were thrown about 50 feet from the accident. Luckily I had no serious injuries. Next day I bought a light for my bicycle due to police pressure.

Gregory Lakey

I will hold in my memory that my deaf friend and I rode our bicycles for 25 miles for 3 hours in the middle of July, 1972. When we arrived at a small town named Belt, we slept at our deaf girl friend's house overnight. Next morning we went back to our home. We had a hard time riding our bicycles back home because we were facing a 50 mph wind. I had a 10 speed bike which helped me little but my friend tried to get a ride. He got a great idea to deflate his tire, later he got a ride. I was so jealous of him but I made it home in spite of the bad wind.

Jon Mullins

Last summer I went to Seattle where I visited and worked at the Seattle Community College. One day I walked out of the college and the boys threw me in a water tank during the Prep day.

Abby Pace

Class Prophecy

June 1, 1983, marked the date of the reunion of the class of 1973. It had been 10 years today since our graduation.

With a pounding heart, I joined my classmates at Howard's Pizza Villa.

The first thing I noticed about my classmates was their appearance. Jon, who had been a tall, skinny boy was now carrying a huge pot belly around. He told us he was not married and is a preacher at the Baptist Church.

Douglas Catron, who had always been good looking, was very tall and still handsome. It did not surprise us when he told us he was a ski champion who had traveled a lot.

Mark, who had been very clean shaven as a senior, now had an enormous beard. His job, working inside a space capsule, sounded very interesting. Besides his job, he was the father of 3 kids.

Charlotte, who as a senior had had a tomboyish personality, was very feminine with long blonde hair. She was working as a counselor in an orphanage for the deaf. She had 3 kids and one more on the way.

Greg had not changed much. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Steff, and also working as a farmer.

Robert Steppler now had a moustache. He was now secretary of Montana.

Douglas H. wore his hair shorter than when he was a senior. He was a star football player for the Los Angeles Rams.

Pam, who was still as pretty as ever, had dyed her hair red. She was married to an air force pilot. They had four darling kids.

Gail was exactly the way I remembered her in high school. One amazing thing was that she was principal of Montana School for the Deaf.

As for myself, I was no longer a shrimp. I had a job as an English teacher in the Montana School for the Deaf.

--Cathy Morgan

Class Will

We, the graduating class of 1973, having completed all classes prescribed for us and being of sound mind, do hereby make this our last will and testament, rendering void any former will or wills.

Mark Aleksinski surrenders his love of study to Brenda LeMieux.

Doug Catron gives his quiet manners to Laurie Mullins.

Charlotte Hansen presents her tomboyish ways to Darcie LeMieux.

Doug Harasymczuk hands over his love for sports to Brent Corgiat.

Pamela Kovash delivers her love for using makeup to Semelee Lake.

Gregory Lakey surrenders his ways of being a Jr. Hercules to Blake Warner.

Cathy Morgan presents her fondness of reading to Brenda LeMieux and Darcie LeMieux.

Jon Mullins gives his lanky height to Brad Davis.

Abby Pace hands over her quietness to Linda Goergen.

Robert Steppler presents his love for story telling to Oscar Kinzel.

Finally, we do hereby name and appoint as the sole executor of this, our last will and testament, our Math & Science teacher, Robert LeMieux.

This last will and testament, having been approved by all the members of the class, is hereby signed and sealed on this 1st day of June, in the year 1973.

--Jon Mullins

Class History

We, seniors, shall give an account of how the 10 of us came together as seniors.

I (Doug Catron) and Pamela Kovash managed to stay together from kindergarten through the twelfth grade while being alternately joined and left by other students.

The charter members of the kindergarten were Douglas Catron, Terry Johnson, Pamela Kovash, Linda Martin, Judy Cox, Vickie Lester, Susan Stahl and Brenda Torske. In the 2nd grade we were joined by Charlotte Hansen and Peggy Sharon.

In the 3rd grade Nadie Has Eagle joined us, while Vickie Lester and Brenda Torske were transferred to other schools and dropped by the wayside. When we were in the fifth grade class, Mark Aleksinski, Greg Lakey, Jon Mullins, Douglas Harasymczuk, Robert Steppler, Stephen Brunelle and Marion Louie joined us. Linda Martin, Judy Cox and Terry Johnson transferred to other classes and Susan Stahl moved out of the state. Our sixth grade class was considered the largest class in the school, so it divided into two groups of "A" and "B" classes.

Ronnie Bibler, a transfer student from Virginia, joined us in the seventh grade but he only survived for one year, then he entered public school.

Stephen Brunelle transferred to Minnesota while we were in the eighth grade.

In the ninth grade, Cathy Morgan entered our school and has been with us through our senior year.

During our tenth and eleventh year, the class remained the same. At the beginning of our senior year, one new member, Gail Pace, joined the class.

Our long association with MSD is coming to an end. In the past twelve years, we have experienced many joys, fears and sorrows, and we are saddened at our leaving those whom we love so much. We are so grateful to MSD for all of the privileges and experiences that have been ours to enjoy during these years.

--Doug Catron

As it Was . . .

Freshmen

Sophomores

Juniors

Seniors

NAME	NICKNAME	WEAKNESS	PET PEEVE	FAVORITE SAYING	FAVORITE FOOD	FAVORITE SUBJECT	FAVORITE SPORT	AMBITION
MARK ALEKSINSKI	Mark	skiing	getting up early	Really?!	Steak	Algebra and Psychology	Skiing	Teacher
DOUGLAS CATRON	D. C.	skiing	homework	Wait! Let's discuss it	Meat	Psychology	Skiing	Media Center Technician
CHARLOTTE HANSEN	Char	babies	noise	Do you think I will do it?	Barbecue spare ribs	Photography and Literature	Water skiing and Horseback riding	To have a successful life
DOUGLAS HARASYMCZUK	D. H.	cars and girls	being bothered	but . . . but . . . but . . .	venison	History	All Sports in 4 seasons	Coach
PAMELA KOVASH	Pam	fun	smart alecks	Then I . . .	pork chops	Psychology	Badminton	Dental Laboratory Technician
GREGORY LAKEY	Greg	Steff	being stared at	Who says so?!	meat	Algebra and Science	Football	Agricultural advisor
CATHERINE MORGAN	Cathy	boys	makeup	but . . .	tacos and pizza	Psychology	Swimming	English teacher or counselor or psychologist
JONATHAN MULLINS	Jon	girls	homework and writing letters	Yes, true but it is not . . .	lemon pie	Literature and Biology	Swimming	Biology teacher
ABBY PACE	Gail	boys	getting up early	Yes, but . . .	banana	Mathematics	Volleyball	Baker
ROBERT STEPPLER	Bob II	stare at girls	being bored	Yes, but . . .	lemon tacos hamburgers	Algebra	Chess and swimming	Computer operator

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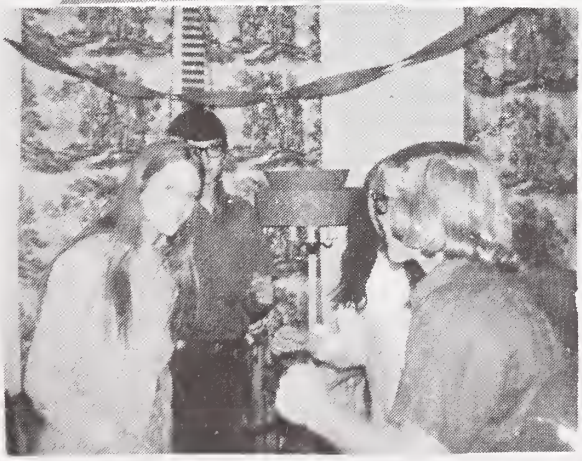

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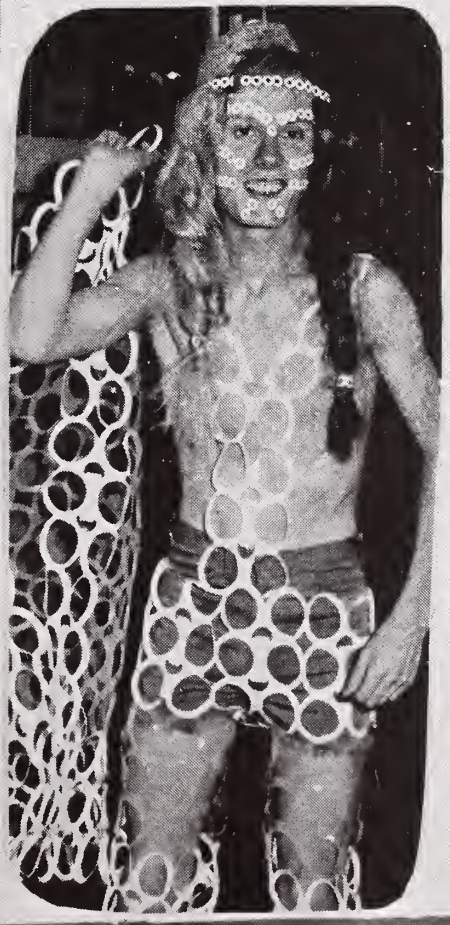

Farewell, Seniors

Mark Aleksinski

Douglas Catron

Abby Gail Pace

Jon Mullins

Douglas Harasymczuk

Charlotte Rudd Hansen

Robert Stepler

Gregory Lakey

Cathy Morgan